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Shuen-chun... Arr.	7.42	10.13	11.28	12.58	2.13	5.34	6.29

	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	NOON	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
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Fanning... Dep.	7.49	9.24	11.34	13.04	2.17	5.34	6.25
Tai-po Market... Dep.	7.50	9.25	11.35	13.05	2.18	5.35	6.26
Tai-po... Dep.	7.56	9.31	11.41	13.11	2.24	5.41	6.32
Shatin... Dep.	7.59	9.34	11.44	13.14	2.27	5.44	6.35
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Tai-po... Dep.	7.10	9.05	9.45	11.04	12.34	2.49	5.55
Tai-po Market... Dep.	7.21	9.16	9.56	11.15	12.45	2.59	6.04
Fanning... Dep.	7.32	9.27	10.07	11.26	12.56	3.09	6.14
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Tai-po Market... Dep.	8.30	10.25	11.25	12.55	2.18	5.58	6.27
Tai-po... Dep.	8.36	10.31	11.31	13.01	2.24	6.04	6.33
Shatin... Dep.	8.39	10.34	11.34	13.04	2.27	6.07	6.36
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CRIMES THAT BAFFLE POLICE IN UNITED STATES.

One of the most mysterious wars in modern history is raging in the United States, says the *Daily Mail's* New York correspondent. It is being waged, with an utter disregard of the police, by members of two Tong, or clanish secret societies—the On Leongs and the Hip Sings—in the dingy but picturesque quarters known as Chinatown in the principal towns of the United States. For more than three months the combatants have been engaged, with pistols, hatchets, knives, and poison in the business of reciprocal extermination.

They have succeeded in that time in despatching to their ancestors some three score of their countrymen and in wounding double that number. The Chinese in America cherish their own immemorial customs. They frankly despise American ideals; and, thanks to their genius for prevarication and the impenetrability of their language, they have managed so far to elude the authorities in their efforts to catch them within the meshes of the law.

HELEN OF THE UNDERWORLD.

Only occasionally is it vouchsafed to the white man to lift a portion of the dark veil enshrouding the passions and animosities of these immigrants from the Far East. More than 10 years ago a tong war similar to the one now in progress was waged over the dead body of Bow Kum, the Chinese Helen of Troy of New York's underworld. She had married in San Francisco under the protection of the Christian Mission and against the protests of her "guardian," Low Hee Dong, a handsome Chinese youth named Chen Lem.

The couple came to New York and placed themselves under the protection of the On Leong patriarch, Tow Lee, a goat-bearded old Chinese who owned most of the gambling dens in Chinatown. But they were quickly followed by Low Hee Dong, a powerful member of the Hip Sings. Bow Kum's throat was cut. The next day two members of the Hip Sing fraternity bit the dust.

ROPE OF THE FLAGPOLE.

An attempt was then made upon the life of Tom Lee, at whose feet, missing him only by a few inches, fell the sawnoff flagpole of a joss-house as he was talking amiably with an American policeman. The rope attached to the flagpole was found the same week tightly wound around the throats of two Hip Sings. And so the war went mysteriously on until an edict arrived from Peking, and a peace conference presided over by the Chinese Minister at Washington resulted in a treaty. Under this treaty the "faces" of both Tong were preserved by a unique device.

The On Leongs remitted \$100, the price of Bow Kum, to the Hip Sings; and the Hip Sings remitted to the On Leongs a like amount, the price of the wife of an On Leong whom one of their members had iniquitously stolen.

Each side sent to the joss-house of the other a roast pig. Thus the war ended, only to be renewed last October when the On Leongs despatched no ultimatum to the Hip Sings demanding the instant expulsion from their ranks of Chin Jack Lem, former president of the On Leongs, and 13 of his associates. A dispute over a trifle of \$15,000, funds belonging to the On Leongs, had led Chin Jack to transfer his allegiance. The Hip Sings furiously rejected the ultimatum. But they were unprepared for the war which opened at once with the murder of Hip Sing members in Schenectady, Pittsburg, and other towns.

They were in fact completely outwitted: for the On Leongs denounced a score or more of them to the New York police. Their houses were searched for concealed arms; and, as soon as the police had confiscated the weapons, the On Leongs murdered their inhabitants. The incidents of many of these murders are tinged with the weirdest mystery; for they are committed under the very eyes of the police, who are never able to find their perpetrators but only the bodies of the victims.

STORIES IN LOCKED ROOMS.

Still more peculiar than the murders are the suicides of men marked for assassination, who lock themselves in their rooms and end their own lives rather than afford their enemies the triumph of killing them. The nature of building and thrift societies. They secure what they regard as Chinese concessions in American cities. After opening up new territory for fantau gambling-houses, restaurants, as well as laundries and other establishments they resent, as European concessionaries do, in China, the intrusion of a rival.

They practice, too, a curious form of Chinese benevolence, for they provide employment for all their members, and if in the sacred cause of war a neutral should be shot the offending Tong immediately and voluntarily pays an adequate indemnity to the family or business associates of the murdered one. That has been their inviolable practice in former wars. But the Tong war of 1924-25 has assumed a character of "fraternalism" all its own. It has developed into a war against neutrals and peace-makers.

SINISTER "BULLETIN BOARD."
One of the queerest sights that now in the Chinese quarter of New York is the "bulletin board," before which are gathered crowds of gesticulating, anxious Chinese. This board is plastered with strips of white, pink, and red paper on which are inscribed in Chinese characters proclamations of neutrality.

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Hundreds of armed New York policemen are now patrolling the three acres of over-crowded streets which constitute Chinatown. They have secured so far the conviction of only three of the legions of Tong warriors who still persist in assassinating their rivals with a skill and secrecy which defy detection.

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COMPANY REPORTS.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

The report for presentation to the shareholders at the fifty-sixth ordinary meeting states:—

The General Managers and Consulting Committee have pleasure in submitting to the shareholders the fifty-sixth annual report of the Company.

Working Account, 1924.—This account shows a surplus of \$503,721.80.

Reinsurance Fund.—It is proposed to appropriate \$23,867.16.3 at exchange 2/31-2/32, 21.50 out of the profits of the year 1924 to the credit of this fund. The fund will then stand at \$208,981.4.8.

Dividend.—The General Managers and Consulting Committee have pleasure in recommending a dividend of \$35 per share absorbing \$280,000.00.

Working Account, 1924.—The balance at credit of this account is \$513,777.07.

Consulting Committee.—The Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., Sir Robert Ho Tung, Messrs. C. Bernard Brown, A. H. Compton, A. S. Gubbay, T. E. Pearce and H. P. White retire but, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews and Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming who, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

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Following is the report of this Company for the year 1924:—

GENTLEMEN.—The Directors beg to submit their report and balance sheet for the year ending December 31st, 1924.

The gross profit for the year is \$408,700.44

After paying interest 287,928.87

there remains a net profit of \$140,771.57

and adding amounts brought forward as per last report 319,793.96

\$460,565.53

Interim dividend 8th Oct. 1924 \$120,000.00

Reserve for doubtful debts contracted in 1923 200,000.00

350,000.00

leaves available a sum of \$140,565.53

which the Directors recommend to be appropriated as follows:—

To pay a final dividend at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum on \$2 per share \$120,000.00

To carry forward to new account 20,565.53

140,565.53

DIRECTORS.

In accordance with Article No. 90 of the Company's Articles of Association, Sir Robert Ho Tung and Mr. Allan Cameron retire by rotation, and offer themselves for re-election. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard retired from the Board on leaving the Colony, and Mr. B. D. F. Beith was invited to join the Board, which appointment requires confirmation at this meeting.

Mr. H. P. White and Mr. J. P. Warren, also retired on leaving the Colony and Mr. A. H. White and Mr. T. G. Weall joined the Board in their places. Subsequently Mr. A. H. White retired and Mr. H. P. White joined the Board. These appointments also require confirmation at this meeting.

Mr. B. D. F. Beith has been appointed Chairman for the year 1925.

AUDITORS.

On the death of Mr. A. R. Love, F.C.A., Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews were appointed joint auditors with Mr. H. Percy Smith, F.C.A. Subsequently Mr. H. Percy Smith resigned and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming were appointed to succeed him. The accounts have been audited by Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming who retire and offer themselves for re-election.

H. P. WHITE,

Chairman.

Hongkong, 16th March, 1925.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

MARCH 17TH, 1925.

Hongkong and Shanghai Banks	\$1,230 b. 1,235 a.
Canton Insurance	\$740 b.
Hongkong Fire Insurance	\$710 nom.
Union Insurance	\$385 nom.
Douglas Steamships	\$38 b.
H.K. & S. Steamships	\$34 b.
"Star" Ferries	\$33 a.
Waterboats	\$171 nom.
"Shell" Transports	\$976 nom.
China Sugars	\$71 b.
Langkats (combined)	Tls. 254 b.
Kowloon Wharves	\$183 nom.
Whampoa Docks	\$125 a.
Shanghai Docks	Tls. 122 b. 123 a.
H.K. & S. Hotels	\$154 b. & a.
Hongkong Estates	\$82 b. 82 1/2 a.
Hampshire Estates	\$21 a.
Evo Mills	Tls. 121 nom.
Shanghai Cottons	Tls. 60 b.
Oriental	Tls. 33 b.
Commiss (combined)	\$77 a.
China Lights (combined)	\$30 b.
Provident	(old) \$163 a.
	(new) \$3.60 b.
Dairy Farms	\$25.60 b.
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COMPANY MEETING. EWO COTTON MILLS, LTD.

REPORT A "MOST DISASTROUS YEAR"

The fourth ordinary meeting of the shareholders in the Ewo Cotton Mills, Ltd., was held at the Shanghai offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on March 12th. Mr. A. Brooke Smith presiding.

The CHAIRMAN said: I regret that the pessimistic views expressed by me at our last meeting were fully justified, and we have today to consider a most depressing report, the equal of which your consulting committee trust it will not be their misfortune to present to you in future years.

The loss for the past year, was \$19,741.18, which, after deducting the amount brought forward from the previous account, leaves a debit of \$16,491.48.

As you will see from the report it is proposed that the sum of \$201,254.28 be withdrawn from general reserve fund to liquidate the adverse balance and to provide for the following further appropriations which are necessary.

Depreciate buildings by \$12,000, and plant and machinery by \$143,800.34, which has the approval of our auditors, while the other sums to be written off, viz., \$2,000 off water supply, \$1,364.20 off furniture and \$800 off motor-car, do not call for comment.

At the moment we have at the credit of equalization of dividends fund a sum of \$1,400,000 and in order that ordinary shareholders may receive some return it is recommended that \$297,000 be taken from this fund to pay the usual dividend on preference shares at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum, absorbing \$72,000, and a dividend of \$0.25 per share on the ordinary shares, requiring \$225,000.

BUILDING UP RESERVES.

It is in times such as the present that the advantage of our policy, in the past of building up reserves is seen, and I am sure that it is a matter of gratification to all of us that, in spite of a most disastrous year from the point of view, not only of cotton mills, but of most traders, we are able to pay a dividend of 5 per cent. on the ordinary shares and still maintain our company in a very sound financial position.

If the withdrawals recommended have your approval the general reserve fund will stand at \$2,000,000, while the equalization of dividends fund will be reduced to \$1,103,000. We shall also have \$500,000 at credit of cotton fluctuations account.

During the year we spent \$1,818.12 on special repairs and renewals, and on December 31st the amount at credit of this fund was reduced to Tls. 26,743.24 which must necessarily restrict our expenditure, but I am afraid it will be absolutely essential to spend more than that sum during 1925 in order to keep our machinery up to date.

Additions to buildings and plant and machinery have been made where we considered it expedient, and although the outlook is discouraging it is the aim of your general managers to adopt improvements and additions which appear to them desirable for the future prosperity of the company.

Stocks of cotton at December 31st were taken in at cost in accordance with our usual practice—our holdings of Indians and Americans showed a potential loss of about \$100,000 when we closed our accounts, but your consulting committee did not consider it necessary to make any adjustment by withdrawing a similar sum from our cotton fluctuations account. However, should the result at the end of the present year be disappointing it may be suggested that a transfer be effected from this reserve.

Recently Cotton has advanced and our prospective loss has been reduced considerably.

Stocks of manufactured goods, which were unsold on December 31st have practically all been disposed of at slightly more than inventory figures.

It is estimated that the amount at credit of Chinese superannuation fund is ample to cover all known liabilities.

DEBTS DUE BY CHINA.

Debts due by the Chinese Government stand at \$168,711.77, an increase of \$4,281.40, which is represented by interest \$14,928.32 less payments aggregating \$7,344.83 by the Government during the year.

I alluded to this item in my speech last year, and it is to be regretted that, while no effort is spared by us or our Legation to obtain payment, the Chinese Government fails to liquidate this outstanding debt like many other of a similar nature.

Our expenditure in interest during the year was \$54,163.47 against a credit of \$10,859.94 in 1924—clearly showing that our products went into consumption slowly, and, unfortunately, frequently at a loss. In this connection our position will of course be weakened by the withdrawal of nearly three lakhs to pay dividends.

In closing my remarks on the accounts I desire to record the regret of the consulting committee at their inability to provide a bonus for the staff at the mills as a special recognition of their services during a very trying period.

NO LABOUR TROUBLES.

At all our mills short time was sporadically resorted to from July until November owing to paucity of demand for our products. At the latter end of November we again reverted to full time which it is hoped we may be able to continue.

Short time, needless to remark, is a hardship on the work people, and for this reason is only adopted by us when the situation becomes really acute. I am glad to say that we have been fortunate in escaping trouble with our labour during the year under review.

For the first six months of the year we succeeded in working at a trifling profit, and in July indications pointed to better conditions during the rest of the year, only to be shattered by the Civil War which commenced at the end of August and continued intermittently until early in February.

At no time during the period under review was there more than a meagre margin on either yarn or cloth, and the former was generally sold at a smart loss. Demand for our specialties was disappointing, and we did not work our machinery to its fullest capacity for several weeks.

Owing to the comparatively high cost of Chinese cotton we were compelled to fall back upon larger quantities than usual of Indian descriptions.

HIGH COST OF COTTON.

Although the world's supply of cotton is being restored by a larger crop in the United States than we have witnessed for some years, prices still remain high, and unless the American and Indian outturns during 1925-6 are of a satisfactory nature, I fail to see how we can expect any relief in this direction.

The adulteration of Chinese Cottons by mixing inferior grades with good and the fraudulent addition of water continues unabated, and it is surprising that, although the Chinese Cotton Millowners' Association have made repeated representations to the Peking Government and local officials, no steps have been taken to stop these malpractices.

CHILD LABOUR COMMISSION.

Following up the remarks I made at our last meeting regarding child labour, I desire to take this opportunity of stating that your general managers propose to support the recommendations of the Child Labour Commission at the next meeting of ratepayers.

THE OUTLOOK.

With regard to the outlook, I cannot do better than repeat the remarks I made a year ago that: "I am not optimistic about the near future, but given peace and good order in the land and reasonably cheap cotton, I have not a doubt in my mind that the cotton mill industry will again flourish."

With your permission, I will now briefly review the causes, as they appear to me, why industry has laboured under such difficult and sometimes impossible conditions during the past two years.

The primary evil is undoubtedly the continued state of chaos throughout pretty well the whole of China, and we may well pay a tribute to the courage and pertinacity of the Chinese merchants, who, despite innumerable drawbacks in the shape of illegal taxation, banditry and civil warfare, continue to trade. Their inducement to do so is probably large profits on transactions which go through without great difficulty, and which probably more than make up for losses on goods that may be held up for weeks, stolen or lost. This, of course, obviously retards the steady growth of trade because the consumer has to pay a high price for his requirements, and in turn results in what I would term over-production.

The boom years of 1918 to 1921 naturally led to large additions to spinning and looms in China and production outstripped consumption with the unfortunate outcome that manufacturers are frequently willing to accept non-paying prices in order to keep their mills at work.

THE OVER-PRODUCTION BOGEY.

I do not wish you to go away with the idea that there are really too many spindles and looms in China—the apparent over-production will no doubt be equalized directly China enjoys peace, and if the government would take steps to foster the industry by reducing taxation, I predict that more mills will be projected without delay.

One of the outstanding features of the trade of Shanghai during the past year has been the increase in the export of locally-made yarn and cloth to the Straits, India and even as far as Egypt and Turkey—needless to remark this has been a relief to those mills who enter for the export trade.

Another difficulty we continue to contend with is dear cotton, but in the past mills have managed to realize profits when raw material was higher than at present, and while anything that helps to reduce costs to consumers must necessarily assist manufacturers, I think we can look upon this trouble as a secondary one.

The immediate outlook is not encouraging, and until the Peking Government succeeds in establishing some measure of control over the provinces, I do not look for a healthy state of trade.

"SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST."

All I can say to you is that we know stocks of yarn and cloth in the chief consuming districts are smaller than they have been for several years, and it is reasonable to expect sudden spurts of activity, as we have experienced in the last three weeks, followed by periods of great dullness, and it seems to me that, so far as mills are concerned, it will be a case of the survival of the fittest.

SOLDIER FIGHTS SHARK.

A sergeant of the 31st American Infantry, reputed to be one of the best swimmers in the U.S. Army, had an exciting adventure with a shark on March 11th at a point approximately forty feet distant from the Elks Club, states the Manila Times.

The army man entered the water and struck out when he was attacked by the sea tiger at a distance of only forty feet from shore. Turning on his back after the first twinges of pain occasioned by a four inch gash in his right leg inflicted by the marine monster, the sergeant grasped two of the shark's fins and managed to kick himself loose from his assailant, and swam ashore. He proceeded to the military hospital where his wound was dressed.

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QUEEN'S THEATRE.

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A special attraction will be offered in addition to the full picture programme in the person of Murray the young Australian hand-off-manipulator and magician. Murray is known best as the "man they cannot hang," and will to-night present this sensational act which has startled the audiences of four continents. The public are invited to witness a free performance given by Murray to-day at

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THE CORONET.

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COURT OF ENQUIRY. STRANDING OF THE "FOOSHING." VINDICATION OF MASTER AND OFFICERS.

The Marine Court of Enquiry into the circumstances surrounding the grounding of the Indo-China steamer *Fooshing* on White Rock, on February 18th, assembled at the Marine Court yesterday morning. The Court consisted of the following: Lieut. Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N., Harbour Master (President), Lieut. Comdr. C. R. H. Harvey, O.B.E., R.N., Superintendent of the Royal Naval (Chart) Dept., Capt. S. Robinson, C.B.E., master of s.s. *Empress of Canada*, Capt. C. S. Isidor, master of s.s. *Taming*, and Capt. G. Byers, master of s.s. *Chinkwa*.

Mr. F. G. Vaux appeared for the Master, Mr. R. E. A. Webster represented the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., and Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton appeared for the China Coast Marine Officers' Guild.

Addressing the Court, Mr. Vaux described the progress of the *Fooshing* on leaving Swatow, until she grounded on White Rock about 10.30 p.m. on February 18th. Dull weather was experienced until after nine o'clock, but then visibility improved. He would call as witnesses the Third Officer, who was on duty at all material times, the Master who was on the bridge, the Chief Officer, the Chief Engineer, the Quartermaster and the look-out. The Master of the *Fooshing* attributed the stranding to the abnormal visibility and to the fact that a strong southerly current was running.

Captain John McAlister said that the vessel left Swatow at 8.02 in the evening, and crossed the bar about 7 p.m. At 7.05 the Good Hope Light was abeam. The weather was dull and there was a drizzling rain, but after nine o'clock the weather cleared and visibility to seaward was good. The wind was N. by W. force 4. At 8.25, they observed the Lammoeks Light, and at 9.06 altered course to N. 89 E. At 9.43, the Lammoeks Light was N. 71.5 E. and course was altered to pass one mile clear. At 10.10 a.m., the course was altered to N. 74 E. at 10.40 to N. 60 E., and at 10.50 to N. 64 E. It was while the vessel was being steered after the third change that the *Fooshing* struck White Rock.

The President: At what time did you notice the red sector of the Lammoeks Light?—At 10.25 p.m.

Why did you select to go through that channel?—Because I had already been through many times.

At night—My usual method after leaving Swatow was to pass up to the west of the Lammoeks. On this particular evening, it being cloudy over the land, I thought the weather would get worse during the night and therefore that I would not be able to detect any land to give me my position. I decided therefore to go through the pass when I should have quite good sea room.

Did it ever enter your head that you would be set to the southward?—No.

Continuing, witness said that he thought they would have been clear of the pass before they felt the effect of the ebb tide. When they struck the engines were put full astern, but without any effect. Lifboats were prepared, and the passengers and crew were supplied with life belts. Reports were that No. 1 hold was making water, and soundings showed there was 10 feet 6 inches of water round the ship's bows.

The President: What was the draft of the vessel?—Fifteen feet forward and sixteen feet aft.

At 12.30 there was 12 feet of water in the No. 1 hold, and beyond using ballast pumps, nothing else could be done until assistance arrived.

Comdr. Harvey: You have said that after 9.30, visibility became abnormal. What exactly do you mean by that?—The lights were showing up more vividly than usual. Since then, I have put it down to the moisture in the atmosphere. The effect did not wear off until February 22nd, when I called the attention of the Third Officer and Capt. Kennedy to the fact that the light was then normal.

Mr. Vaux: Do you know what course you are recommended to take?—Outside the Lammoeks at night.

The course you took, making no allowance for tides and currents, would have taken you a mile or half a mile clear of the Lammoeks Light?—Yes.

And your observation of the Lammoeks Light gave you the impression that you were much nearer to it than you actually were?—Yes.

From the position you found yourself in, do you consider that a strong southerly current must have been running?—Yes.

Mr. Webster: Did you follow your usual practice in passing through the passage?—No; I usually have the Lammoeks Light right ahead.

Evidence was given by Mr. Harold Goddard, third officer, who said he went on the bridge at 8.30 a.m., and said that from the visibility of the Lammoeks Light he judged the *Fooshing* to be one mile to 1½ miles off.

Evidence was also given by Capt. Kennedy, acting Marine Superintendent, who visited the vessel on February 21st, and stayed aboard that night. The Master pointed out the extreme brilliancy of the Lammoeks Light, and it appeared to be two miles off.

The Court adjourned to consider their finding, and returned to announce that they found that the grounding was due to an unexpected southerly set and the phenomenal brilliancy of the Lammoeks Light. The Court considered there was no negligence on the part of the Master or the officers of the *Fooshing*, and exonerated them from all blame.

LOCAL SPORT. LAWN TENNIS.

H.K.C.C. TOURNAMENT.

YESTERDAY'S MATCHES.

The following games were decided yesterday in the H.K.C.C. Lawn Tennis Tournament:—

Open Championship Singles.—S. A. Ramjahn beat H. Nomura, 6-2, 6-1, 6-3. Capt. C. T. O'Callaghan beat H. Yoshida, 6-4, 6-2, 6-3.

Handicap Singles "A".—Dr. T. J. Valentine (+1/8) beat W. Hyde (-3/10), 5-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Open Championship Doubles (2nd Round).—L. M. Razack and J. A. Cusumby beat J. Takikawa and T. Yamada, 6-3, 6-2, 6-1.

Club Championship Singles.—S. E. Green beat A. K. Mackenzie, 6-0, 6-1, 6-0.

Handicap Singles "B" (2nd Round).—M. M. Watson (+15) beat E. J. R. Mitchell (+30), 7-5, 6-4, 6-3. G. de Man (scr.) beat Lieut. Col. E. D. Matthews (-2/10), 6-3, 6-2.

TODAY'S GAMES.

The following games are down for decision this afternoon:—

Open Championship Doubles.—N. C. Cheong and Yung Hin Lun v. J. S. A. Curran and S. A. R. Ismail; Capt. C. T. O'Callaghan and Dr. E. R. Gowler v. Hung Hui Chen and Lu Tak Lam; T. Honda and H. Yoshida v. Yew Man Tsan and Ho Ka Lau.

Open Championship Singles.—H. D. Ramjahn v. D. J. Alfrey; D. S. Green v. D. Sudo.

Handicap Singles "A".—S. E. Green (-15) v. Major Hattersley Smith (-3/8); E. Grimble (+7/10) v. R. D. Evans (+1/10).

Handicap Singles "B".—P. H. Bonnerman (scr.) v. P. W. Greene (+15); Handicap Doubles.—Dr. W. L. Thomas and M. H. Turner (+3/8) v. N. L. H. Raiton and W. E. Cornaby (scr.).

HOCKEY.

The following teams will represent the Hongkong Hockey Club this week as follows:—

Today at the U.S.R.C. at 5.15 p.m.:—P. W. F. Mills, A. P. T. Farquharson, G. L. R. Becker, L. P. Ralph, Rev. E. W. L. Martin, A. A. Dand, G. R. Lammert, G. R. Moore, W. Woodward (capt.), G. J. Jones, and G. R. Vallack.

Friday, March 20th, at the U.S.R.C. at 5.20 p.m.:—E. W. Hamilton, A. P. T. Farquharson, G. L. R. Becker, A. S. Hett, E. J. R. Mitchell (capt.), A. A. Dand, G. R. Lammert, G. R. Moore, W. Woodward, R. D. Evans, and G. R. Vallack.

CRICKET.

I.R.C. v. H.K.C.C.

In this League match to be played next Saturday on the I.R.C.'s ground, at 2 p.m. the following will represent the Indian Recreation Club 2nd XI.—Sirdar Khan (capt.), D. Ramjahn, J. A. K. Simple, N. R. Kitchell, H. D. Ramjahn, E. P. A. Mahay, E. A. Wahab, J. S. Ackerley, F. M. Annulli, A. R. Minn and J. S. Cassamattor. Reserves: E. A. Mooslien and A. R. M. Samy.

STRAITS NOTES CASE. P.O. OFFICIALS' EVIDENCE.

The charge against a Chinese employer of the Société Française de Gérance of the theft of \$6,500 in Straits Currency notes was again heard before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

Mr. Th. van Schijfhuysen, cashier at the Netherlands India Commercial Bank, Singapore, deposed to having received five parcels from Hongkong, containing Straits Currency Notes. They were all similarly packed, but on opening one package it was found to be full of paper. Further there was no memo on the lines in which the contents were packed. He said it was absolutely impossible for anyone to have tampered with them before he opened them after their arrival at the bank.

In answer to Mr. M. K. Lo, for the defence, witness said that he was familiar with the writing on the packages, but could not say the written addresses were identical on this occasion. Further examined, he said he did not know that the European cashier at the Société Française used to initial the covering of each package.

A registration clerk at the Hongkong Post Office said he received five packages on January 22nd and handed five receipts for them. He then handed them to the transfer clerk. The latter clerk said he handed them to the Superintendent.

The hearing was adjourned.

FILIPINO MUTINEERS.

U.S. WAR DEPARTMENT PASSES SENTENCE.

The sentences adjudged by the Military Court Martial in the cases of the soldiers who participated in the mutiny at Fort William McKinley last July, have been approved by the U.S. War Department. The ringleaders, who were tried for conspiring to excite and cause a mutiny and for unlawfully soliciting soldiers to join a union with the intent to create and cause discontent within and subvert the morale of their organizations, each received sentence imposing disciplinary discharge, forfeiture of all pay and allowances due or to become due and with terms of confinement in Bilibid Prison, varying from 5 to 20 years. Private Thomas Rivera was sentenced to confinement for 20 years, Private Alejandro Evarado for 15 years, Corporal Macario Garcia and Gregorio Magalit for 10 years, and the other ringleaders to 5 years each.

The remainder of the convicted soldiers were sentenced to 2½ years' imprisonment and discharge.

CHINESE MERCHANTS' BANK. MEETING OF CREDITORS IN SHANGHAI.

The first meeting of creditors in the matter of the Chinese Merchants' Bank, Ltd. (in liquidation) was held at H.M. Supreme Court, Shanghai, on March 12th, presided over by Mr. D. R. Cooke, Official Receiver.

There was a large number of creditors present, whilst Mr. H. D. Rodger watched the interests of others numbering 1,163. Mr. R. Paterson, C.A., of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, the provisional liquidator, was also in attendance.

The Official Receiver, describing the Bank's position, said:—

THE POSITION.

As you are doubtless aware this is a British bank and is what is known as a Hongkong China Co., meaning a company incorporated under the Hongkong Ordinances, part of whose business is carried on in China but controlled in Hongkong.

The authorized capital, as shown by the last balance sheet dated June 30th, 1924, was \$5,000,000 of which was issued \$1,220,100, less calls in arrears of \$102,100. I understand that there are still calls in arrears, but I am not at present acquainted with the figures; this matter and all matters appertaining to the capital of the company are being dealt with in Hongkong and I have not had time, since taking the matter in hand, to obtain precise details.

The balance sheet at June 30th, 1925, showed a credit to profit and loss account of \$73,082.69, out of which a dividend was proposed, and I believe paid, of 5 per cent. absorbing \$81,621.44. Further depreciation was written off and a balance of \$3,138.02 carried forward.

SUSPENSION OF PAYMENT.

The bank suspended payment in Hongkong on June 11th, 1925, and in consequence of cables received, this branch, as well as others, did likewise, the Shanghai Branch suspending payment also on June 12th, 1925.

A petition to wind up the company was immediately presented in Hongkong and another in Shanghai. In Hongkong Mr. John Fleming was appointed special manager, and he and Mr. H. R. Martin subsequently were appointed liquidators. Mr. R. Paterson was appointed provisional liquidator in Shanghai to collect the assets and to take charge of the company's property in China, which appointment covered the Shanghai and Canton branches. He is still acting in Shanghai, but has been quite unable to obtain any control over the Canton branch. Mr. Paterson appointed as his agent Mr. John Fleming of Hongkong, who found that the Canton office had been closed by the military. Subsequently a special manager was appointed, who stated that the authority was the Municipality of Canton. There are no signs as yet of any statement of accounts having been prepared although the agent sent a representative to endeavour to assist. There have been some changes since then and I am informed that the Chinese Chamber of Commerce and the Depositors Association now have a representative of their own in charge of the liquidation there. A formal request in writing has been made to the Chinese authorities, asking that the assets in Canton be handed over, without result.

The British and Chinese authorities in Canton do not recognize this bank as a British company and consequently the provisional liquidator has been quite unable to obtain any control over the branch there and the situation is therefore still obscure.

ASSETS TO BE POOLED.

As regards the other branches, viz., Saigon and New York, a French government official, Mr. Brizon, styled the provisional liquidator, took charge in the former place, and in New York a State official took charge, and it is reported by the liquidator in Hongkong that this official proposes to liquidate for the benefit of United States creditors, in accordance with those of the American banking laws applicable to this matter.

The same with respect to Saigon. In both cases I understand local creditors will be satisfied in full, but if the court and liquidators in Hongkong could possibly do so, assets at head office and branches would be pooled for the benefit of all creditors wherever situated.

Proceedings in connexion with pooling by Saigon and New York are matters falling within the scope of the Court and I am at Hongkong and must be dealt with there. As far as I am aware, the matter is not yet definitely settled.

It is intended that Shanghai and Hongkong shall pool their proceeds so that creditors within both jurisdictions shall stand on an equal footing.

ESTIMATED DEFICIENCY.

From a perusal of the bank's ledger balances in Hongkong last July, there was an estimated deficiency of \$450,000 and I am informed that, from the Hongkong statement of affairs, it would seem that creditors there may expect to receive approximately 30 per cent, but this figure must be treated with reserve.

From the statement of affairs of the Shanghai branch, which has not yet been signed by any responsible director or officer, it would appear that the local creditors might expect a dividend of approximately 60 per cent, but this also must be treated with reserve, as the book debts are a most uncertain quantity.

Up to the present the results of attempts at collecting these debts have been disappointing, but possibly the appointment of a permanent liquidator and the more forcible measures now being taken will remedy this. Unfortunately, the disturbed conditions of last Autumn, especially around Shanghai, almost entirely prevented the collection of debts and matters have improved only slightly since then. What improvement there has been, has taken place since the Lunar New Year. Certain funds which should be available here are held up owing to commitments at the head office, debts claiming assets.

DEBTORS IN BANKRUPTCY.

Exchange contracts were carried through, and resulted in a net profit of over Tls. 49,000, but unfortunately the greater part of this is held up by the commitments at head office and by an action which is pending in the Mixed Court.

The land and building still remain unsold. Since the commencement of the liquidation, debtors amounting to about Tls. 50,000 have gone into bankruptcy or liquidation, and the bulk of this amount is likely to be lost. Very little security was held by the bank and guarantees do not amount to very much, thus causing the book debts to be a very doubtful quantity.

Advances appear to have been made to many people, who should not have had them without offering substantial security or guarantee and in consequence most of the now remaining debts entail an immense amount of trouble in collection, which collection consequently can only proceed at a very slow pace. The policy of the bank evidently was to obtain a footing in Shanghai the best way they could, and naturally the effect of this is felt in the present circumstances.

Dealings with banks abroad must necessarily take a considerable time and much correspondence is necessary before all matters can be finally settled. It has been impossible to keep on the bank staff, as they have all drifted away to permanent positions, and some have left Shanghai.

THE DIRECTORS.

All the directors are residents of Hongkong, Canton or Saigon, with the exception of the ex-manager of the Shanghai branch. One other person resident in Shanghai is shown in the last annual report as a director, but I understand that he claims to have only been an advisor and that his name should not have appeared as a director. The ex-manager was in Hongkong at the time of the crash although I understand he passed through Shanghai on his way to Peking, he did not interview the Provisional Liquidator. He is in Peking now. I have through the Provisional Liquidator requested him to appear here in order to present a statement of affairs and a deficiency account and to answer any question necessary, and I am informed that a telegram has been received from him, stating that he will be here about the 20th.

A statement of affairs was prepared early in the liquidation but of course could not be presented until a meeting of creditors was called. I have the figures here, unsigned so far by any directors or responsible officer of the company. A few figures and some explanations have been provided by a sub-manager and these I have also with me.

CAUSE OF THE DEFICIENCY.

The principal cause of the deficiency in Shanghai is stated to be due to losses on exchange contracts from June, 1923, to June 1924, but especially from September to December, 1923, and it is claimed that even these were largely incurred on behalf of Hongkong and New York.

The bank held a long position in sterling and gold dollars expecting gold to appreciate in the Autumn. However, gold depreciated, said to be owing to the earthquake in Japan and sterling bought at low rates had to be sold at high rates, e.g., purchase at 3½ had to be sold at 3¼ and gold dollar bought at 70 had to be sold at 72. Losses on exchange contracts are shown as Tls. 378,592. It is claimed for this branch that a large portion of this is due to purchases on behalf of Hongkong and New York, which were subsequently cancelled and had to be sold at a loss.

Bad debts have caused a loss of over Tls. 30,000, but another amount of Tls. 100,000 is obviously bad or doubtful. The banking business in Shanghai appears to have been carried on at a considerable loss.

We shall probably be in possession of information in the near future as to the progress of the liquidation in Hongkong. At present I can give no further information respecting that.

This being the first meeting of creditors, there is a matter which must be considered by you namely: whether application should be made to the Court for the appointment of a Liquidator. Since the date of the petition presented to the Court Mr. Paterson, C.A., of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews has been acting as Provisional Liquidator. Personally I feel it very advisable that he should be appointed liquidator, but I must leave that matter for you to decide.

There is a further matter which must be considered by you, and that is, whether an application for the appointment of a committee of inspection, to act with the liquidator should be made to the Court; if so, whom you wish to be members of such committee. Personally I think it very necessary that these two things should be done by the creditors present here to-day.

I shall now declare the meeting open. After some discussion, the Official Receiver's suggestions were acted upon, and on the proposition of Mr. J. E. E. seconded by Mr. Lan In-er, Mr. Paterson was appointed permanent liquidator. A committee of inspection was also appointed.

The Japan Year Book 1924-5 has just been issued. The book is the most comprehensive and reliable of its kind published in Japan. The great earthquake and fire of 1923 was responsible for delay in the publication of the present edition. An appendix contains a detailed description of everything pertaining to the great earthquake, which will serve as a source of reference on the terrible disaster, the emergency measures taken by the authorities, the contributions sent from various friendly countries, etc. For the rest, the volume contains such general information relating to Japan as "Year Books" are designed to contain.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

KOWLOON CHESS CLUB.

THE FIRST MEETING of the above Club will be held at the CENTRAL BRITISH SCHOOL, Kowloon, on FRIDAY NEXT, 20th INSTANT, at 5.45 p.m.
All those desirous of joining are invited to send their Names to

S. HIDDEN,
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GOVERNMENT BILLS, ETC.

TENDERS FOR SPECIE AND MEXICAN DOLLARS current in this Colony, for Telegraphic Transfer, on the London Commission of His Majesty's Treasury, London, up to and for the sum of £200,000, will be received by the **TREASURY CHEST OFFICER, COMMAND PAY OFFICE**, until 11 o'clock a.m. on the 18th MARCH, 1925.
The Tenders to state the total amount (in Pounds sterling). No Telegraphic Transfer will be made for less than £100.
The Tenders to be in Duplicate, and in Sealed Covers, addressed to the **TREASURY CHEST OFFICER, COMMAND PAY OFFICE**, and endorsed "TENDERS FOR GOVERNMENT BILLS, Etc."

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Persons tendering for (Bills) are hereby notified that, having regard to the provisions of the Acts 23 George III, Cap. 48 and 41, George III, Cap. 62, the acceptance of any such Tender is subject to the express condition that no Member of the British House of Commons shall be admitted to any share or part in or to any benefit to arise from the Contract thereby made for the allotment of such (Bills).

The provisions in question do not apply to Contracts entered into by any incorporated Company in its corporate capacity and made for the general benefit of the Company.
R. A. DOBBIN, Lt.-Col.,
Treasury Chest Officer, R.A.P.C.,
His Majesty's Treasury Office,
Hongkong, 17th March, 1925. [2001]

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All Claims against the vessel must be presented to the Underwriter, before the 25th of March, 1925, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by **JOHN MANNERS & CO., LTD.**, Agents.
Hongkong, 18th March, 1925. [2002]

THE YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, LIMITED.

APPLICATION has been made to the Directors of this Company to issue to **CHU KWONG LAN** of 312, Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong, a Duplicate Certificate for Eight Shares in the Company or other Certificate or Certificates in lieu thereof, upon the statement that the Original Certificate No. 4444 and dated Thirtieth day of November, 1907, for Shares numbered 1423 to 1429, both inclusive and 7103 has been LOST or DESTROYED; and Notice is hereby given that if within Thirty days from the date hereof No Claim or representation in respect of such Original Certificate is made to the Directors, they will then proceed to deal with such application for a Duplicate or other new Certificate or Certificates.
Dated, Shanghai, 27th February, 1925.
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INTIMATIONS

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that The FORTIETH ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company (since its registration) will be held at the **HONGKONG HOTEL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 21st MARCH, 1925, at 11 a.m.**, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st October, 1924.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from Monday, the 16th day of March, to Monday, the 23rd day of March, 1925, both days inclusive, during which period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers,
Hongkong, 16th March, 1925. [1969]

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS of the HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will be held on **MONDAY, 23rd MARCH, 1925, at 4 o'clock** precisely in the **OLD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ROOM, CITY HALL**, for the following purposes:-

1. To receive the Report and Accounts of the Committee for the year ended 31st December, 1924.
2. To elect a New Committee.
3. To transact any General Business.

By Order,
M. F. KEY,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 14th March, 1925. [1990]

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that The ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, 2 QUEEN'S BUILDINGS, Hongkong, on **MONDAY, the 30th MARCH, 1925, at Noon**, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1924.
The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 20th to the 30th MARCH, 1925, (both days inclusive).
By Order of the Board of Directors,
R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 12th March, 1925. [1976]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that On and after **THURSDAY, the 19th INSTANT, THE SUPPLY OF WATER TO ALL THE RIDER MAIN DISTRICTS** will be Controlled by bringing the RIDER MAINS into Operation and that Water will be Turned on to each RIDER MAIN Daily for Two Consecutive Hours. Information as to the Hours of Supply to any Particular Property may be obtained on application at the Office of the Water Authority, the SECRETARIAT FOR CHINESE AFFAIRS, or at the TUNG WAN HOSPITAL.

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HAROLD T. CRESAY,
Water Authority.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
Hongkong, 14th March, 1925. [1997]

G. R. NOTICE.

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Money (Shells, spring Balance), Galvanized Tubing, Diaphragms, Wires, Ropes, Bales, Ruffs, Boat Sails, Electrical and Wireless Telegraphy Fittings, Carbons, Electric Cable, Cooking Stoves, Ships, Fittings and Fireworks Gear, Iron Beds, Mattresses and Fittings, Life Buoys, Belts, Carpets, Rugs, Mats, Table Covers, Blankets, Counters, Curtains, Overcoats, Canvas, India Rubber and Metallic Hoses and Tubing, Old Carriages, Canvas Bags, Old India Rubber, Old Leather, Old Woollen and Linen Bags, Old Asbestos, Old Paint Drums, Old Cork, New Canvas Cuttings, Old Lead Battery Plates, Old Iron and Steel, Old Brass, Copper, Lead and Zinc, Copper & Brass Tubes, Coal Sacks, Brown Jean, Wood, and Iron Blocks, Lamps and Fittings, Gauges, Steel Tubes, Old Steel Wire Rope, Dirty Mineral Oil, Anchors, Chain Cable and Gear, Drilling and Grinding Machines, Lathes, Steel Girders, Drills, Planes, Cutters and Dynamo Engines, Tables, Compasses, Binnacles, Logs, Clocks, Iron Drums, Old Packing Cases, Packing Boards, Old Casks, Riggering Chains, Buoys, Wire Brushes, Glass Tubes, Side Scuttles, Batches, Anvils, Forges, Vices, Miscellaneous Tools, Ironmongery, Pneumatic Drills, Filters, &c., &c.

Lots may be inspected on **MONDAY, the 23rd MARCH, 1925.**
ALSO SALE OF OLD AND SURPLUS VICTUALLING STORES AT KOWLOON ON FRIDAY, 27th MARCH, 1925.

Comprising:- Table Linens, Implements, Serge, Flannels, &c., Remnants, Blankets, Menders, Articles of Mess and Table Gear, (including Electro-Plated Ware), Clothing, Condensed Provisions for Poultry Feeding, &c.
Terms of Sale:- As detailed in Catalogue.
LAMBERT BROTHERS,
By Appointment Auctioneers to the Admiralty.
Hongkong, 5th March, 1925. [1970]

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PRIVATE BOARD RESIDENCE
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Tel. K. 61.
Quiet Neighbourhood with Pleasant Outlook.
Terms Moderate.
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INTIMATIONS

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-SIXTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Undersigned on **FRIDAY, the 27th MARCH, 1925, at Noon**, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1924.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 13th to the 27th MARCH, 1925, both days inclusive.
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Managers,
HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.,
Hongkong, 7th March, 1925. [1938]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, 20, Des Voeux Road Central, on **SATURDAY, the 21st of MARCH, 1925, at 11 a.m.**

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to the 31st MARCH, 1925, both days inclusive.
DOUGLAS LAURAIN & CO.,
General Managers,
Hongkong, 13th March, 1925. [1983]

CHINA SUGAR REFINING CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE FORTY SEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, **FRANK STREET, on TUESDAY, the 31st MARCH, 1925, at 11 a.m.** for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1924.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to the 31st MARCH, 1925, both days inclusive.
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Agents,
Hongkong, 11th March, 1925. [1975]

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that An EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED, will be held at the Head Office of the Society, UNION BUILDING, Hongkong, on **THURSDAY, the 19th day of MARCH, 1925, at 12 o'clock Noon**, when the proposed Resolution will be proposed as an Ordinary Resolution, viz:-

"That out of the Unissued Capital of the Society there be issued 25,000 Shares of £10 each credited as paid-up to the extent of £24 per Share ranking for dividend and in all other respects par passu with the Shares of the Society already issued; and that the said additional Shares shall so far as shall be necessary for the purpose be allotted to those Shareholders of the Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited, who have accepted or shall accept the offer of the Society made to them on the 3rd day of December, 1924 (being an offer to acquire Shares in the Association on the basis of the allotment of One Share in the Society in exchange for Six Shares in the Association), and that the balance (if any) of the said additional Shares may be allotted and disposed of by the Society's Board of Directors in such manner as such Board shall think most beneficial to the Society."
Dated the 9th day of March, 1925.
By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.

[1973]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE SECOND EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at **HARRY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 21st MARCH, 1925, commencing at 2.30 p.m.**
The First Bell will be Rang at 2.00 p.m.
The Charge for Admission to the Public Enclosure will be £1.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform, Half Price.
Members are advised that they must show their Season Tickets to obtain Admission to the Members' Enclosure.
Each Member has the right of introducing 2 Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure. Tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. LINDSEY & DAVIS at £5 each up to FRIDAY, 20th MARCH.

The Stewards invite the Ladies of Hongkong to be present.
[1938]

PREMISES VACANT.

SHORTLY AVAILABLE for Rental on Lease **GROUND FLOOR PREMISES** at 16, Des Voeux Road Central, (adjoining the Hongkong Hotel), suitable for Departmental Stores. The Premises may be Let either as a Whole or in Three Sections. For particulars, please apply to **THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LTD.** (2nd floor), at Address given. [1991]

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THE Motor Launch "KEEHOONG" together with Dinghy and Fishing Sampan, 37'4" x 7'8" overall, Speed 8 knots on Kerosene, in Excellent Order. Full particulars of Application to **W. ADAMSON, c/o STEWART, TOMES & CO.** [1980]

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FROM JUNE 1st, 1925, TWO OFFICE ROOMS on 2nd Floor, NEW BANK BUILDING. Most suitable for Bank or Exchange Brokers. Apply to **SANG KEE,** same Building. [1984]

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STORAGE SPACE on Marine Lots with Godowns and Chinese Houses TO LET. **W. S. BAILEY & CO., LTD.,** Kowloon Bay. [1799]

INTIMATIONS

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Its unique 'dryness' delightful aroma and rich flavour are features which give this beverage the **IMMENSE POPULARITY** it deserves.

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BIRTH.

MITCHELL-On March 17th, at the French Hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. Eric MITCHELL, a daughter. [1999]

Hongkong Office: 1A, Chater Road.

London Office: 131, Fleet Street, E.C.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, MARCH 18th, 1925.

THE GOVERNORSHIP OF THE COLONY.

It has been unusual in the history of the Colony for a Governor to depart without the community knowing where his future sphere of labour will be, but the communiqué from Government House published yesterday intimating that H.E. Sir Edward STURMS expects to leave the Colony for Home at the end of June, on leave, and does not anticipate that he will be returning to the Colony will leave us in the position of not knowing whether to say "good-bye" or "au revoir" unless more definite information is received in the meantime. It will be remembered that early in November, in winding up the debate on the Budget, H.R. EXCELLENCY mentioned that the Unofficial Members of the two Councils had paid him the compliment, which he said he valued very highly, of suggesting to the SECRETARY OF STATE that his term of office should be extended. There was at that time a prospect of an early change of Government at Home, and the SECRETARY OF STATE of the day very naturally and rightly said he was unable to bind his successor in any way. There has been time enough since the new Government came into office for a favourable decision to be taken if the reasons advanced for the retention of Sir EDWARD STURMS were considered to justify such a departure from the rules of the Service. In the absence of any announcement we may fairly conclude that the SECRETARY OF STATE has in view for Sir EDWARD another sphere of activity. It may be observed that Sir LAURENCE GUILLEMAUD's tenure of the Governorship of the Straits Settlements has just been extended. There are doubtless very convincing public reasons for the decision. We indicated a few months ago certain reasons why a change might be premature in Hongkong. One thing we had specially in

mind was the fact that Sir EDWARD STURMS is as fait with all the details of the negotiations for the transfer of the Military Lands, and the community would certainly like to know before His EXCELLENCY departs that this question has been at last definitely settled and that we may confidently look forward to seeing some provision made in the next Budget for the commencement of "the move." In the autumn of last year when the Unofficial Members made their suggestion to the SECRETARY OF STATE there were certain other important questions looming ahead. On these substantial progress has since been made. We allude especially to the telephone question and the Harbour Development Scheme. The Telephone Question may be regarded as practically settled, and the same may be said to a large extent of the Harbour question now that a comprehensive scheme of development has been formulated and a special department created to proceed with any part of the scheme which the commercial and shipping communities, who are specially interested in the matter, may urge upon the Government. The question will then remain one largely of finance; and the Governor has left on record in his last Budget speech his own views as to how future costly works of permanent public utility in the Colony should be financed. The Housing Problem, also, which has necessarily engaged the close study of the Governor in the past four years, is approaching what we hope may be the final stages of its solution, so that the position is such to-day that the departure of the Governor could be viewed with more equanimity than was perhaps possible five or six months ago. The period of His EXCELLENCY's governorship has been one of extraordinary development in the Colony though it has not been without its anxieties. The community, we feel sure, endorse the tribute which the Unofficial Members of the two Councils paid to the confidence felt in Sir EDWARD's administrative ability when they unanimously agreed to suggest to the SECRETARY OF STATE an extension of his period of service in the Colony.

Attention is called to the change in date of the sailing of the R.M.S. *Empress of Canada*, advertised in this issue. According to present arrangements the vessel will now leave here at noon—or even later—on Saturday next, March 21st—and not on Friday as previously announced.

Among the passengers who arrived in the Colony on Board the R.M.S. *Empress of Canada* yesterday was the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak.

The terribly mutilated body of a Chinese was found in a tunnel near the Pui Pau Kan Station on the Kowloon-Canton Railway on Monday.

It is reported that another long distance flight is being undertaken by the Italian aviator Pinedo, who will leave Rome for Melbourne on April 1st proceeding via Hongkong, Amoy, Formosa and Manila.

"What Theosophy is" will be the subject of this week's Public Lecture of the Hongkong Lodge of the Theosophical Society, 16, Queen's Road Central, this evening, at 5.45 p.m. The public are invited.—Anvt.

The ricksha coolie, who was remanded on Monday on a charge of having sought to rob an American ship's officer on Sunday night in Connaught Road, was sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. J. R. Wood at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

The *Kan Lo*, a vessel resembling a pleasure yacht, and belonging to the Chinese Navy, said to be going down to Pratas Shoal in connection with the erection of a wireless station, arrived in Hongkong yesterday. In front the vessel flew the five barred Chinese national flag and at her stern the Chinese ensign.

Chess enthusiasts will be pleased to notice from our advertisement columns that a club has been started in Kowloon. The first meeting is to take place on Friday next at the Central British School. Although it is to be the Kowloon Chess Club, residents of the island will be very welcome and it is hoped that good support will be forthcoming.

It is officially announced that the term of office of Sir Laurence Guillemaud, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., as Governor of the Straits Settlements and High Commissioner of the Federated Malay States, which would ordinarily expire in February, 1926, has been extended and that His Excellency will be proceeding Home on leave in May next and will return to Malaya in the autumn.

The return of notifiable diseases in the Colony for the week ended on March 14th shows 5 Chinese cases of small-pox, of which 1 was fatal, 3 Chinese cases of diphtheria from which 1 death resulted, 1 British, 1 Portuguese, and 3 Chinese cases of enteric fever, from which there 2 deaths, and 2 Chinese cases of cerebro-spinal fever. No notifiable cases were reported during the 24 hours ended on the 14th inst.

There is sure to be a crowded house at the Star Theatre, Kowloon, to-night, to witness the production of "Nothing But the Truth," by the Quarry Bay A.D.C. Exactly five years have elapsed since this new famous play in three acts was first performed in London, and it has lost nothing in the interval in its appeal to the play-going public. This was strongly emphasised a few weeks ago when the Quarry Bay A.D.C. produced it at the Tai Koo Club. The entertainment then was voted an excellent one in every way, and the performers—amateurs though they are—were given an enthusiastic reception, which was nothing if not sincere and spontaneous.

Singapore is to have a Baby Show next month under the auspices of the Child Welfare Society of Singapore, and under the patronage of Lady Guillemaud, wife of the Governor of the Straits Settlements. There are three competitions open to any nationality with an antecedent domicile of six months in Singapore. Prizes of \$25 and \$10 are offered in the classes for children of 1-21 years and 21 to 3 years of age, and for the infants, prizes of \$10 and \$5 will be awarded in each of the following six divisions:—(1) Malay, (2) Chinese of any Clan, (3) Indian of any nationality, (4) Europeans and Eurasians, (5) Japanese, (6) Any other nationality. A championship prize of \$50 will also be awarded for the best baby in the Show, irrespective of its nationality.

AFTER TWO YEARS! THROUGH SERVICE RESUMED BY RAIL TO CANTON.

The through train service from Kowloon to Canton was resumed, yesterday, a train with third-class coaches and goods vans, leaving here at 7.15 a.m. The passengers and goods, it is understood, were to be transferred to another train on reaching the terminus of the British Section. For the present the British and Chinese sections will be run independently so far as rolling stock is concerned, but it is possible that by April 1st (an inauspicious date!) through service will be resumed under former conditions.

As far as could be ascertained last night, no downward incident occurred on the Chinese Section yesterday, so that the outlook is distinctly hopeful, after approximately two years' cessation of regular through traffic.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

SUCCESSFUL CONCERT HELD LAST EVENING.

The fiftieth annual concert in celebration of St. Patrick's Day was held at the St. Patrick's Club, Garden Road, last evening. The event was again a very great success and the hall was crowded. The programme presented was exceptionally enjoyable and every item was vociferously applauded; while "encores" were called for frequently.

The programme was as under:—
Overture, Piano Duet, Father A. Rignati and Mr. F. Alves.
Song, "County Down," Mr. E. Manning.
Selection from "Traviata" (G. Verdi).
The "Nightmares," Lyric Orchestra.
Song, "Wonderful One," Mrs. Stillwell.
Comic Song, Mr. G. W. C. Burnett.
Songs, Selected, Mr. E. D'Aquino.
Comic Song, Mr. Alcock.
Irish Jig with Pipes, "Smilin' through," Mrs. Turton.

Recitation, "The Charge of the Light Brigade," Mr. G. W. C. Burnett.
Selection from "Il Trovatore," The "Nightmares," Lyric Orchestra.
Song, "Molly Kennedy," Mr. E. Manning.
Song, "All for the Love of Mike," Mr. Stillwell.
Duet, "Solenne in quest'ora," Mr. E. D'Aquino and Mr. G. D'Aquino.

The orchestra comprised the following:—
Rev. Fr. A. Rignati, Mr. J. M. Fonseca, Mr. A. J. Osmund, Mr. C. F. Osmund, Mr. A. M. Xavier, Rev. Fr. C. Osmund, Mr. F. M. Osmund, Mr. L. A. Osmund, Mr. G. A. Osmund, Mr. J. C. Remedios, Mr. C. H. Almeida, Mr. G. V. Osmund and Mr. L. G. Pinna.

CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS CONVERSATIONS.

ESSENTIAL POINTS MADE CLEAR AS RESULT.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN IS DISCREET.

PARIS, March 17th.

A communiqué issued after the meeting between Mr. Austen Chamberlain and M. Herriot, says that the two Ministers continued to exchange views on various problems of foreign policy—especially security—with the determination to seek, in full cordiality, a solution acceptable to both countries.

The conversations resulted in making clear the essential points of the problems discussed.

Negotiations will be continued through diplomatic channels, in the same friendly manner and in collaboration with the other Allies.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN IS DISCREET.

Conversing with British, French and American journalists at the British Embassy subsequently, Mr. Chamberlain was most reticent. However, he admitted that he had discussed the German pact proposal in connection with which it was intended to proceed with a serious examination of the advantages derivable therefrom.

He declared Britain was more interested in some of the frontiers than in others; but he had no idea of excluding any frontiers, or seeking new obligations at the expense of the old ones. Obviously nothing could be done, unless Germany is willing to enter the League of Nations. He concluded by saying that he was optimistic with regard to the solution of the security problem.

After the interview, Mr. Chamberlain and M. Herriot had an hour's talk with Dr. Benes, Foreign Minister of Czechoslovakia at which it is understood the latter was informed of the gist of the Anglo-French discussion.

In his conversation with Mr. Chamberlain, Dr. Benes denied the standpoint of Czechoslovakia with regard to the German pact proposal.

ITALIANS ON STRIKE.

SIGNOR FARINACCI ARRANGES SPEEDY SETTLEMENT.

ROME, March 17th.

The strike of iron and steel workers in Lombardy, North Italy, for higher wages, which affected over 100,000 men, has been practically settled by agreement between the delegates of the Fascist Labour Syndicates and members of the Manufacturers' Union. Settlement was reached on the intervention of Signor Farinacci, the Fascist Secretary-General, who, went to Milan and succeeded in averting a rupture between the negotiators and secured a modified increase of wages.

The settlement is claimed by the Fascist leaders as a triumph for the new Fascist "labour" organisations; but the Socialist Labour Confederation, which belatedly joined the strike, hesitates to accept the terms. It is unlikely, however, that its members will be able to prolong the strike, though the Socialist strikers numbered 70,000 compared to 30,000 Fascists. A resolution of the Confederation, inviting a continuance of the struggle was not allowed to be published and meetings of its members are prohibited. Signor Mussolini telephonically participated in the negotiations from Rome.

IRAQ OIL COMBINE.

ANCIENT STRUGGLE IS NOW AT AN END.

FUTURE OF MOSUL INVOLVED.

LONDON, March 17th.

Very considerable importance is attached to the conclusion of the Iraq oil agreement, signed yesterday, which terminates a 24-year old struggle for the acquisition of rights among the leading Powers.

The combined capital of the participating groups is nearly a billion sterling. It is believed the Turkish Petroleum Company will confine its wells to 24 areas, of 5 square miles each, and invite tenders for leases for the remainder, the lessees being guaranteed a proportion of the capacity contemplated by the pipeline to the sea.

HINGES ON MOSUL.

The Daily Telegraph points out that the future of Mosul will largely determine the magnitude of the Iraq oil agreement, as, in the event of the League finding in favour of Turkey's territorial claim the combine will have to deal with the Turkish Government; and it is believed the richest oilfields are comprised in the concession situation in Mosul territory.

The Manchester Guardian hails the agreement as absolving the British Government of the allegation that she was using her dominant position as mandatory to secure a monopoly for British interests.

PRIVY COUNCIL HELD.

COMMISSION TO ACT DURING KING'S ABSENCE.

LONDON, March 17th.

The King, this morning, held a Privy Council meeting for the appointment of a Commission to exercise, if necessary, certain functions of the Crown, during His Majesty's absence from England.

A LANCASHIRE EXPERIMENT.

SCHEME TO MANUFACTURE CHEAPER CLOTH.

LONDON, March 17th.

Experiments are afoot in Lancashire to manufacture cloth from low-grade Indian cotton. The scheme contemplates cheaper bleaching and cheaper finish, with the object of competing with similar material turned out in Far Eastern mills.

ANATOLIA INSURRECTION.

THE TURKS CLEAR DIARBKIR DISTRICT OF REBELS.

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 17th.

A message from Angora states that all villages within 15 kilometres of Diarbekir have been cleared of Kurdish rebels; and the villages, in which the Turkish troops were fired on, have been "destroyed." Ismet Pasha, at a party meeting, declared that further "offensive action against the rebels was unlikely."

[The above message has reference to a cable from Angora, on February 25th, stating that an insurrection of Kurds had broken out in several districts of Anatolia, headed by Sheikh Said, an alleged fanatical visionary whose object was to restore the Khalifate and form a Kurdish State. It was reported that the insurgents had captured Kharpout.

Two Turkish divisions had been ordered to restore tranquillity.]

AUSTRALIAN WHEAT.

FARMERS OBTAIN HIGHEST PRICES SINCE WAR.

MELBOURNE, March 17th.

Australia's wheat yield is officially estimated at over 180,000,000 bushels, an increase of 38,000,000 bushels compared to last year.

Farmers are receiving the highest prices for wheat since the war.

OBITUARY.

HERR WASSERMAN.

BERLIN, March 17th.

The death is announced of Herr Wasserman, the bacteriologist. The late Herr Wasserman was prominent in cancer and tuberculosis research work. He was also the inventor of the "Wasserman reaction" in the diagnosis of syphilis.

EARLIER CABLES.

ARMY ESTIMATES.

OBSTACLE TO OBTAINING SUITABLE RECRUITS.

LONDON, March 16th.

In the House of Commons, Sir L. Worthington-Evans, introducing the army estimates, expressed disquiet at the fact that no fewer than 49,245 would be recruits had been rejected on medical or physical grounds, namely five out of every eight.

Next to ill-health, unemployment benefits were the most important obstacle to recruiting. As regards the supplementary reserve, Sir L. Worthington-Evans emphasised that the trade union opposition to this reserve was due to completely erroneous misapprehensions that it was for the purpose of strike-breaking. The War Office would proceed without the help of the unions.

Mr. Walsh said he regretted the misunderstanding with regard to the supplementary reserve, which he attributed to the crass stupidity of the recruiting sergeants. The difficulty might be removed if it was made clear that the reserve would only be called on in war-time.

LATER.

The House of Commons has agreed to the army estimates.

UNION OF SOVIETS.

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL ON TOUR OF TERRITORY.

Moscow, March 16th.

Before closing the session of the Central Executive Council at Tiflis, the members of the Soviet Government visited Georgia, Armenia, Daghestan, and the Northern Caucasus, including the Grozny oilfields in Ukrainia.

Before returning to Moscow, President Kalinin, in an interview with the Rosta news agency, said the Georgian Government must pay greater attention to local self-government and the religious question.

"AN EXCELLENT MAN."

THE FRENCH PREMIER'S OPINION OF MR. CHAMBERLAIN.

PARIS, March 16th.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain conferred with M. Herriot for two hours. He told President afterwards that the next meeting would be in London.

Mr. Herriot said: "Mr. Chamberlain is an excellent man. We are in agreement on all essential matters."

POLITICAL SITUATION IN CHINA.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

FOURTEENTH YEAR LOAN.

MANDATE LAYS DOWN TERMS FOR FLOTATION.

PEKING, March 17th.

A mandate, issued at midnight, lays down the regulations for the 14th year loan. The terms are as wired on March 12th:—

"Arrangements have been completed for the floating of a domestic loan of \$15,000,000 secured on the customs revenues over a period of ten years. The price is ninety and the interest eight per cent. Amortisation will begin with the fourth year. The interest for three years will be deposited with foreign banks. Repayment will be made from the German boxer indemnity fund, which is at present serving the thirteenth year treasury bills which by then will have been redeemed."

REASONS FOR LOAN.

The mandate states the loan is issued "with a view to meeting emergency administration expenses, as well as the upkeep of Legations and Consulates abroad."

The obligations, respecting the Third, Fourth and Fifth Year Bonds and the October, 1924, Treasury Note issue must be fully met before the German portion of the Boxer Indemnity is usable as security for the new loan. The flotation is under the Domestic Bond Bureau.

FRENCH PRESS PROTEST.

PARIS, March 16th.

Le Temps issues the following information:—

The news item stating that negotiations concerning a loan of fifteen million dollars at 8 per cent, guaranteed by the German share in the Boxer Indemnity given over to China by Germany, have come to an end, is confirmed. Under these circumstances, how can be explained the attitude of the Chinese Government which, despite the formal text of diplomatic instruments, contests France's right to receive in gold francs her share of the indemnity, while simultaneously calculating in gold marks the former German share given over for its benefit.

"We understand that the diplomatic body has protested against this behaviour. The texts ruling the German share and French of the Boxer Indemnity are the same. Evidently the French Government cannot omit to take the opportunity to insist again at Peking that France obtain satisfaction at least of this debt, which has lasted three years, doing great damage to the relations between the two countries."—Havas.

[FROM THE "DAILY BULLETIN."]

REORGANISATION CONFERENCE.

RECESS TO BE TAKEN SO THAT DISCUSSION MAY ENSUE.

PEKING, March 16th.

The Reorganisation Conference to-day decided to have a recess from the 17th inst. till the 21st inst. in order that certain members may deliberate on various outstanding problems, after which the Conference will again meet on April 4th for 20 days.

LATER.

The Conference to-day also discussed the Government Memorandum suggesting that representatives of public bodies from the provinces should be recognised as members of the Conference.

The Conference did not oppose this, but declared that the Conference regulations could only be altered by the Government, and suggested that the Government should amend the rules accordingly. It is understood that the Kuomintang formerly proposed this suggestion, but the Government then opposed it. Hence the Government's change of attitude is regarded as significant.

(Continued on next Column).

FOOTBALL AT HOME.

LATEST RESULTS OF CUP AND LEAGUE MATCHES.

LONDON, March 16th.

The following are latest football results: ENGLISH LEAGUE, FIRST DIVISION. Birmingham, 0; West Bromwich, 0. Sheffield United, 0; Liverpool, 1.

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH).

Rotherham, 0; Barrow, 1.

SCOTTISH CUP.

In the replay, Celtic beat St. Mirren by one to nil at Ibrox Park, Glasgow.

EARLIER CABLES.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

CASE OF MR. WARREN.

U.S. SENATE AGAIN REJECTS PRESIDENT'S NOMINEE.

WASHINGTON, March 16th.

Despite President Coolidge's explicit statement in again submitting to the Senate the nomination of Mr. Warren as Attorney-General, that if he again be rejected, Mr. Coolidge will grant him "a recess appointment," under which Mr. Warren would be Attorney-General until the next session of Congress, the Senate to-day again rejected his nomination, by 46 to 39 votes.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LATE DR. SUN YAT SEN.

SOVIET MOURNS KUOMINTANG'S LEADER'S DEATH.

Moscow, March 16th.

The Press is full of articles on Sun Yat Sen, who is described as the leader of the national revolutionary movement in China. It publishes many telegrams of condolence from various public organisations, of the Soviet union with the Kuomintang party, which has telegraphed to the Central Executive Council of the Soviet declaring it is ready "to strengthen its brotherhood with the union of Soviet socialist republics."

The offices of the Commissariat of Foreign Affairs are draped in mourning. Eulogies of Sun Yat Sen have been delivered at many meetings.

The Peking Government has thanked the Soviet for its message of condolence.

[FROM THE "DAILY BULLETIN."]

ONE WEEK'S SERVICES.

PEKING, March 16th.

The Kuomintang headquarters here state that the memorial services for Sun Yat Sen will last a week, and not merely two or three days, as originally announced. The actual funeral will take place at the Purple Mountain, Nanking, where a tomb is already being constructed.

It is unofficially reported that the Government are devoting \$30,000 for the funeral arrangements, half of which will be spent on the tomb at Nanking. The burial will not be carried out until the tomb is completed.

M. Karakhan, accompanied by Madame Karakhan, personally called on Madame Sun and handed her two letters, one expressing their personal sympathy and sorrow on the loss of Sun Yat Sen, and the other containing a telegram from Moscow expressing condolence on behalf of the Soviet.

SUN YAT SEN'S SUCCESSOR.

According to foreign telegrams from Canton, no appreciable change has occurred since Sun Yat Sen's death, but there is an undercurrent of nervousness. It is thought that a successor will not be appointed, but the Kuomintang will be governed by the committee of 15 which was selected several months ago. Though dissension in the Kuomintang ranks is expected, it is not considered that disorder is likely.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[FROM THE "DAILY BULLETIN."]

OBITUARY.

TOKYO, March 16th.

The death is announced of Viscount Goro Miura, a notable and powerful political influence, after a long illness.

REORGANISATION CONFERENCE.

THE LATEST AGENDA.

[ASIATIC NEWS SERVICE.]

PEKING, March 7th.

In the absence of the chairman, Chao Eih Hsun, through continued illness, the agenda of the Reorganisation Conference are now entirely managed by Senator Tang Yi, vice-chairman.

In order to secure rapid progress, Senator Tang Yi has submitted a memorial to the Conference urging the necessity of tackling the various national problems by the members in a systematic manner as follows:—

1. Recognition of the status of the Provincial Government under Marshal Tuan Chi Jui.
2. The cancellation of the National Constitution promulgated by Tsao K'un on the 10th October, 1923.
3. Recognition of the validity of the Provincial Constitution promulgated at Nanking in 1911; save the clauses concerning the election of the President, Vice-President, the Parliament as well as the power of drafting the permanent Constitution by the Parliament, which should be declared null and void.
4. Drafting of laws and regulations governing the convocation by the Reorganisation Conference of the proposed Chinese Citizens' Convention.
5. Organisation of a special committee for drafting the Permanent Constitution of the Chinese Republic.
6. Organisation of a special representative organ, with the various provinces and special administrative areas as units, with a view to the establishment of a federation of the Chinese provinces, resembling the American system.

Regarding the solution of the most difficult and complicated problems pertaining to the reorganisation of the national army and finance, Senator Tang Yi suggests the immediate formation of special Financial and Military Committees whose members are to be nominated partly by the Chief Executive and partly by the Tupas and other high military and civil officials of the various provinces so that the resolutions passed by the members of the committees can be enforced in the various provinces and special administrative areas without hindrance.

There will be a special meeting of the members of the Reorganisation Conference for the discussion and adoption of these suggestions shortly and then it is hoped the Conference will make real progress and complete the formulation of their recommendations within the next couple of months. The Chinese Citizens' Conference will be convened as soon as the Reorganisation Conference has finished its task. According to Senator Tang Yi, the whole rehabilitation work, as far as the two conferences are concerned, will be completed in the course of six months.

CANTON NEWS.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

TRADE INTERRUPTIONS.

Because of frequent interruption with traffic in the port of Canton by strikes and military operations, many inland merchants who have been depending on their Canton agents for handling their goods are now turning to those in Hongkong, according to the 72 *Canton Commercial Journal*. Because of lack of rapid banking and other communication facilities in the districts and some of the inland importers being not so well known to Hongkong firms, the Wing Wo Tong Rice Guild of Hongkong, for instance, has since March 10th adopted new terms governing credits and payments in the Hongkong and inland trade.

SWATOW MILITARY EXPENSES.

Upon the demand of the pro-Sun Cantonese troops in Swatow for \$100,000 from the local merchants for military expenses, the Chamber of Commerce of Swatow has replied that the local merchants will be able to raise but \$80,000. Some \$15,000 has been already been handed over to the Cantonese commander, General Chang Man Tai.

THE LATE DR. SUN YAT SEN.

Sacrificial services before the tablet of the late Dr. Sun Yat Sen at the auditorium of Kwangtung University will be held in Canton beginning on March 17th. Military, civil, and foreign officials may be present on the 17th; farmers, labourers, and merchants, on the 18th, and students on the 19th of March. Memorial scrolls, wreaths and other offerings for the altar of the late Kuomintang chief have been pouring in at the Government House of Canton in large numbers since the 15th.

ATHLETIC MEETING POSTPONED.

Out of respect to the death of Dr. Sun Yat Sen, the 9th Canton Athletic Meeting fixed to take place on March 18th-19th at Kwangtung University, Canton, had been postponed to March 20th-21st.

BROKERS IN TROUBLE.

Some fifteen offices of customs brokers in Kowloon were raided and their books taken on March 15th by two deputies from the Canton authorities on charge of having made false customs returns in the past. It is reported that practically every broker has been adjudged guilty by the deputies, the fines imposed running from \$1,500 to \$3,000. It is stated that the brokers will protest against this wholesale condemnation.

THE MOURNING PERIOD.

Weddings, which had been arranged to take place before the news of the death of Dr. Sun Yat Sen at Peking had reached Canton, have been permitted by the authorities to take place between March 12th and 15th only upon the strict understanding that no music shall be played in the processions or at the homes concerned.

THE MILITARY OPERATIONS.

According to the *Chinese Mail*, a detachment of anti-Bolsheviks from Wai-chow succeeded in recapturing Pingshan from the Kuomintang forces. A battle was fought on March 12th and 13th near Pingshan.

General Hu Sze Shun, commanding the 3rd Yunnanese Corps in Canton, has sent two brigades to reinforce the pro-Sun Cantonese troops on the eastern front. These brigades have already arrived at Shektan, on the Chinese section of the Canton-Kowloon Railway. So far, the Yunnanese have not participated in any battles of the present campaign, and their going to reinforce the pro-Sun Cantonese has naturally aroused some comment. Non-combatant Cantonese do not expect that the Yunnanese will move very far away from the revenue sources they control in Canton.

MOURNING FOR DR. SUN.

POLICE COURT SEQUELS.

Local mourning functions in connection with the death of Dr. Sun Yat Sen brought several delinquents before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

Two Chinese, one a medicine dealer and the other an accountant, were charged with forming a procession, of members of the Cargo Coolies' Guild at West Point on Monday, without permission from the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, A.S.C.I. Nottingham, who is prosecuting, said, if they had made the necessary application it would certainly have been granted. The procession numbered about a hundred.

A fine of \$25 each was imposed on each defendant.

Two other Chinese were charged with disorderly conduct in Sutherland Street on Monday. Inspector P. Grant said he asked the crowd, which numbered about 700, to move on and all did so with the exception of the two defendants, who returned when he had turned his back. He (the Inspector) thereupon again ordered them away, speaking to them in Cantonese. One of the men attempted to throw the stool on which he had previously stood at Inspector Grant. The other stood on the pavement and refused to move. The arrogance of the two men drew the crowd back and it was necessary to enlist the assistance of two European Officers to prevent the people from reassembling. His Worship spoke severely to the men and said it was the duty of the police to see that the streets were not obstructed. He made allowance for the circumstances which made the crowd assemble yesterday, but the Inspector had been very patient under provocation.

Defendants were fined \$15 each, and each was required to sign a bond for \$100 in addition to providing surety.

SHANGHAI ARSENAL ECHO.

CHINESE REPUBLIC WIN SUIT IN U.S. COURT.

The troublous times in Shanghai when Marshal Lu Yung Hsiang and General Ho Feng Lin fled to Japan in October, were recalled at the U.S. Court on March 12th, when the Republic of China brought an action against the Commercial Express and Storage Co. Plaintiff applied for the return of material valued at Tls. 40,000 and weighing more than 50 tons to the Kiangnan Dock. The metal had been taken in vans of the defendant company, plaintiff alleged, to their godowns at the instance of other parties and consisted of 230 cases of copper nails, 355 assorted pieces of brass tubes and lead pipes, 1,003 brass ingots, sheets, etc., eight reels of wire cable and 300 pieces of babbit ingots. Chen Ping Mei, a Portuguese subject, was an intervenor in the dispute and claimed that the goods were his on the ground that he had purchased them from one S. C. Young.

Mr. J. R. Jones and Mr. Reader-Harris appeared for the Republic of China; Mr. F. J. Schuhl for defendant.

Mr. Schuhl said defendants did not want the property and only wanted their just fee for transportation and storage of the goods in their godowns.

Mr. Jones, in his opening statement, said there had been some conferences during the past few weeks between the interested parties and up till the day before the hearing, Mr. Haskell had decided that, as he was busy in the Mixed Court, the hearing should be postponed for several days. It would be a courtesy indeed, to accommodate Mr. Haskell, but the case was of importance and had the further interest of the circumstances affecting the intervenor, who was not in Court. His clients did not wish to postpone the matter.

Mr. Schuhl also told the Court that he was willing to proceed. His client was not in the slightest way interested as to who owned the goods.

Mr. Jones stated that there was no doubt that his clients were the owners of the materials and that defendants could not legally deliver them because of the action of the intervenor, Chen Ping Mei, Chinese interests, continued Counsel said, at that time, of uncertainty immediately preceding the flight of the defendant party, taken over the unprotected property lying in the open at the Kiangnan Dock and instructed Mr. J. R. Katz, probably acting in all good faith, to take the property away. General Ho Feng Lin's name had been mentioned in connection with the matter at that time, but in view of his (Counsel's) investigations, he was sure that the military had nothing to do with the removal—he wished to remove any stigma that might be thought to rest on General Ho.

Witnesses, including Mr. Kwong Kwok Wah, a director of the Dock, and thus in the service of the Chinese Government, and Mr. Douglas, gave evidence as to the value and identity of the property—the former definitely claiming them as goods belonging to the Republic of China, while the latter estimated the actual value to be Tls. 30,000.

In mentioning the name of Mr. S. C. Young as a witness, Counsel stated that he had been a difficult man to trace, but they had found him and he would give sufficient proof to show that he never knew the intervenor.

In evidence this witness stated emphatically that he had not the slightest idea who Chen Ping Mei was, had never seen him, or bought or sold him any goods, he did not exist as far as he knew. Referring to the seized property witness declared that an employee of the Hogo Stevedores had introduced him to defendant on October 10th, when he asked him to remove certain property from the Kiangnan Dock. He later saw the goods in defendant's godown.

Addressing the Court at the conclusion of evidence, Counsel reiterated that the tale of the intervenor was really absurd and not true. He requested the Court to give judgment for his clients, which issue should be an order against intervenor for costs—it was through his action that all this litigation came about.

His Honour entered a verdict as Counsel requested.

THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE.

"LINGUA FRANCA OF THE FAR EAST."

It will be noted (says the *Japan Chronicle*) that the official text of the Russo-Japanese Convention is in English, and is reproduced in English in the *Japanese Official Gazette*, together with the accompanying Protocols and letters. This is the first time we believe that two Governments have agreed to adopt as the official text of a treaty a text which is in the language of neither of them at least in English. Probably treaties have been made in French between countries, neither of which used the language. It is certainly a triumph for the English, and, forthrightly of the English language, that it should be so chosen, while indirectly it shows what position the English language has come to take in the Far East. Other nationalities have been heard to complain of the favour shown the English language as a means of international communication in this country, but they should rather regard it as the lingua franca of the Far East than as the language of any one particular nation.

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GOLF.

A NEW MEANS OF HEAD
TRAINING.

During the winter, says a writer in a Home paper, a good many people seek to keep in form for their week-end golf by pursuing some sort of indoor preparation. Even is it said that Sir Ernest Holderness, the amateur champion, owes his almost invariable confidence and accuracy in putting to daily practice on his bedroom carpet.

For doing the thing thoroughly, however, there is surely nobody to equal a correspondent who sends me particulars of his scheme. He points out—and nobody seriously disputes this—that a prime essential of the true golf-swing is to keep the head still, so that the body may screw round at the hips instead of swaying.

Thus inspired, he has discovered what he regards as the only way of training the head to remain steady. In the room which he reserves for golf experiments an old straw hat is suspended from the ceiling directly over the spot at which he takes his stance. From the brim of this hat hang threads four or five inches long with a small bell (like the tinkling objects which children use on reins) attached to the end of each thread.

These bells hang so that they completely surround the head at just about the depth at which a cap would rest. Consequently he has only to sway a little and the bells tinkle, so that he knows he is wrong and must start again.

There may be an irresistible inclination to think of him in terms of "the cap and bells," but he declares that the plan has cured him of lurching during the swing. And very likely it would be a help to any confirmed swayer who could bring himself to suffer the refined torture of having bells ringing in his ears until he learnt to swing properly.

After all, people have suffered greater martyrdom in the cause of getting down to scratch. The late Tom Ball once told me of a pupil of his at West Lancashire who, to cure himself of gripping the club much too tightly with the right hand, deliberately secured hold of a red-hot poker. After that he could not grip tightly.

HISTORICAL COLLECTION.

"THE TREASURE" OF THE
GUELPHS."

Extraordinary interest, wrote a Berlin correspondent of a London paper recently, is being displayed both in German and foreign art dealer circles in a valuable historical collection, known here as "the Treasure of the Guelphs," somewhat after the fashion of the "Treasure of the Nibelungs." The owner, who is selling, is the present Duke of Cumberland, the father of the ex-reigning Duke of Brunswick, who is husband of the ex-Kaiser's daughter, Princess Victoria Louise.

It will be remembered that some time ago there were long negotiations with the Austrian Government concerning collections in the Austrian castle at Gmunden, where the aged Duke now lives. These Austria refused to let pass out of the country. This time not the Austrian, but the Prussian, Government, is in question. In the museum at Hanover is a very fine collection of pictures, including a magnificent Holbein. It is the portrait of the ancestor of the House of Cumberland, and is reputed to be worth many thousands, being judged one of Holbein's best.

It is obstinately believed, and constantly stated in Berlin, that behind the wealthy art dealer negotiating for this picture is the House of Windsor, represented by King George in person. Memoir-readers will recall how the father of the present Duke of Cumberland, when in London in the forties, grumbled at Queen Victoria for wearing jewels which he called "My dear," proving the unsettled ownership of many of the treasures when one branch of the Hanoverians left Germany for England.

Besides objects which have a very real historic value for members of the British Royal Family, there are some Durer paintings in this Hanoverian collection, and the few that may leave the country, too, is causing an agitation in nationally-minded circles. It is urged that Prussia should follow Austria's good example, and close the frontiers to the would-be exporters of works of art that can never be replaced.

DANCING CENTENARIAN.

ANCIENT FILIPINO WHO WAS
THINKING OF MARRIAGE

A real-life rival to the old gentleman whose lusty activities are used to advertise a well-known saline medicine has passed away. A message from New Orleans states that Antonio Solitano, 124 years old, a native of the Philippines, who had lived at New Orleans for the last twelve years, died there recently. He was the oldest resident of the place. Solitano was born in the province of Cagayan, Philippines, in 1791, and, after serving in the army there for several years, he became cook on a whaling vessel, and for 100 years he sailed the seas on ships of practically every nation.

He came to New Orleans in 1913, and at the age of 125, he said to have danced in a cabaret from early evening to 2 o'clock in the morning. Solitano was still only a few weeks, and was said to be planning to be married. The age of Solitano is vouched for by a New Orleans family, who cared for him during his residence there.

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THE RESCUE TUG.

FOR WORK IN TYPHOON
WEATHER.

The annual report of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce says: Several meetings were held during the year of the Expert Committee which was appointed to consider the design of the proposed rescue tug intended to operate in the Harbour during the typhoon weather and to carry out light-house reliefs—also to be capable of making the round trips to the Pratas if it is arranged to co-operate with the Chinese authorities by using the vessel as a relief ship to the proposed meteorological and wireless station on the Pratas Shoal. The members of the Committee were: Mr. R. M. Dyer, Mr. J. Reid, Captain Thomas Arthur, Captain W. Davidson and Mr. Walter Lang, who were assisted by Lieut.-Commander Conway Hake, R.N.R., Mr. W. O. Lambert and Mr. L. H. King. An expression of thanks for the valuable services rendered by the Committee has been received from the Government. A brief description of the Rescue Tug may conveniently be placed on record here: Everything—machinery, hull, fittings and workmanship—is first-class, of the best quality and in accordance with Lloyd's and the Board of Trade's highest specifications—indeed cables and anchors are in excess of Lloyd's requirements. The dimensions of the vessel are: Length, 130 ft.; breadth, 30 ft.; depth, 13 ft. 6 in.; propelling machinery: inverted, direct-acting, surface-condensing, triple expansion engines, driving a single screw developing 1,800 h.p., on trial. The vessel is to burn oil fuel only, under the pressure system.

Her wireless equipment will consist of a standard K.W. quenched spark set, for communication with other vessels at sea, and a 100 watt wireless telephone for direct communication with the Harbour Office, which is being fitted for wireless telephone transmission and reception. The tug's range for wireless telegraphy will be 300 miles, and for wireless telephony, 50 miles. In the design, space below the main deck, lighted by a skylight, is reserved for first aid purposes, being fitted with eight folding iron beds, also tables and seats, medicine chest, water supply, lavatory accommodation, etc. The skylight is so contrived that an opening is afforded, large enough to lower stretchers down. The general accommodation provided by the vessel consists of a mess room and five comfortable cabins forward, five cabins aft, and is subdivided to contain the wireless apparatus and operator's cabin. Two masts are fitted, in order to enable an aerial of sufficient length to be carried. The vessel will have two boats: One will be 24 ft. in length; the other will be a motor life-boat, built to comply with all Board of Trade requirements and fitted with buoyancy tanks. Boat falls are fitted with patent disengaging gear. A Clarke-Chapman steam direct-acting windlass with large quick-warping ends is fitted. The vessel has a searchlight, a clear-view searchlight and a line-throwing gun. Oil may be pumped to overhead tanks to assist in allaying rough seas when necessary. In order that the tug may be available as an additional fire floating appliance, on occasion, a Merryweather patent double cylinder stationary vertical "Greenwich" steam fire pump is fitted, capable of discharging 800 to 800 gallons of water per minute at a pressure of 120 lbs. to the square inch at the stop valve. The couplings are interchangeable with all the fire floats in the harbour. There is a cast-iron distribution box with four gun-metal outlets for hoses, each controlled by a separate valve. The swivelling monitor with sluice valve has three nozzles suitable for throwing a large stream of water. The vessel can carry 104 tons of fresh water and 70 tons of oil fuel which gives a steaming radius of 10 days, at economical speeds and under favourable conditions. Completion is expected toward the end of 1925.

THE "FLEVO" SURVIVORS.
THE FATE OF MISSING OFFICER.

The fire which broke out on the Chinese owned steamer *Flevo* while she was on her return voyage from Sungei Liat to Singapore, is understood to have originated in the neighbourhood of the base of the funnel, it was learnt following the arrival at Singapore of the Chinese and other survivors of the ship. They reached Singapore from Batavia on board the *Giang Ann*, Captain Maddox and other survivors remaining, it was stated, at Batavia. The fire broke out, it appears, at about nine o'clock at night, when the *Flevo* was about 40 miles from Tanjung Priok. One of the large boats was destroyed by the fire, and the other turned turtle in the heavy seas that were running. She was righted and the members of the crew made her way to the forward end of the ship away from the fire, and there they remained for two hours before an American destroyer, having sighted the burning steamer, came to the rescue, took the survivors on board and took them to Batavia. The Chief Officer, Mr. Miller, appears to have left the ship, with eight or nine members of the crew, in a small boat, and it is stated that although a long search for the boat was made by the American warship no trace of it was found.

THE SKY-SCRAPER LIMIT.

"The most typically American buildings are still the sky-scrapers," Mr. Julian Huxley assures us, and the forces of competition tend to drive the sky-scraper higher and higher. What is the limit? No doubt in the end weight and gravitation would impose one, but New York will not get so high as that. A practical limit is imposed by the necessity for elevators. The number of these is strictly proportional to the population of a building; and when that population reaches a certain figure more elevators are necessary than the building can accommodate. So even the modern Tower of Babel, like the original, comes to an automatic end, says "Observer," in the leading London Sunday paper.

"ALTAI MARU" IN PORT.
DAMAGED JAPANESE SHIP AT
SINGAPORE.

The *Altai Maru*, the O.S.K. steamer which was considerably damaged as a result of a fire which broke out among a cargo of cotton during her voyage from Bombay to Japan, arrived at Singapore, in tow by the *London Maru*, another of the Company's steamers. The fire broke out when the *Altai Maru* was in the neighbourhood of Belawan. Efforts to get the fire under control being unsuccessful the captain beached the steamer off Belawan and it was necessary to flood parts of the vessel before the flames could be extinguished. The outbreak was attended by two fatalities. A seaman who went below to obtain ropes for the towing was overcome by gas fumes, and a like fate attended another seaman who went in search of him, while a third man was overcome, but subsequently recovered.

WEATHER REPORT.

March 17th at 17.50.—Changes of pressure are everywhere slight. The anticyclone remains stationary and a shallow depression is still shown over Indo-China. The northern depression has moved into the Pacific to the east of Hokkaido. Moderate to fresh monsoon will continue along the coast and over the north part of the China Sea. Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 18 hours, March 17th 0.01 inch. Total since January 1st, 4.74 inches, against an average of 4.50 inches. The forecast for the 24 hours ending at 18 hours, March 18th is as follows:—

Direction	Forecast
Force	N.E. winds, fresh; cloudy, drizzle or mist.
Hongkong to Gap Rock	do.
South coast of China (between Hongkong and Lamock)	do.
South coast of China (between Hongkong and Hainan)	do.

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hongkong Observatory, March 17th.

	Previous Day at 2 p.m.	On Date at 6 a.m.	On Date at 2 p.m.
Barometer	29.91	29.90	29.87
Temperature	61	62	67
Humidity	81	88	80
Wind Direction	E	East	E
" Force	5	4	4
Weather	0.00	0.00	0.01
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.01
Highest open-air Temperature on 16th	62		
Lowest open-air Temperature on 17th	62		

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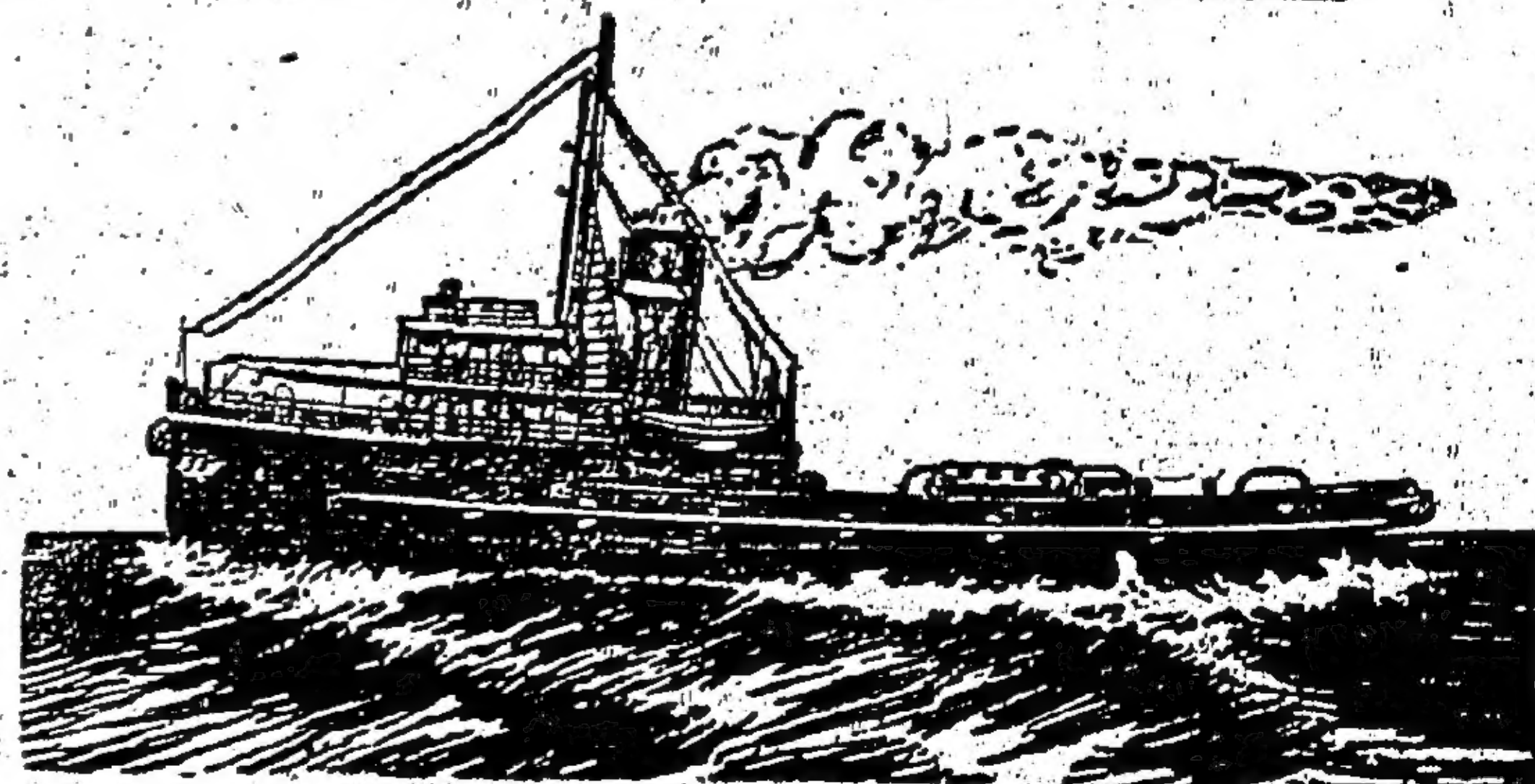
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SEANGHAI	"YUSANG"	Saturday, 21st Mar.	Noon
TIENSTEIN	"LAISANG"	Saturday, 21st Mar.	5 p.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"KUTSANG"	Sunday, 22nd Mar.	7 a.m.
KORE via AMOY & SHANGHAI	"TAKSANG"	Sunday, 22nd Mar.	10 a.m.
SEANGHAI via SWATOW	"MINGKANG"	Sunday, 22nd Mar.	10 a.m.
HAIKONG via MOLOU	"CHAKSANG"	Tuesday, 24th Mar.	3 p.m.
RANGKOK via SWATOW	"YUNKANG"	Tuesday, 24th Mar.	3 p.m.
MANILA	"NAMSANG"	Wednesday, 25th Mar.	7 a.m.
KORE via MOJI	"TUNGSHING"	Wednesday, 25th Mar.	7 a.m.
TSINGTAU via SWATOW	"LEESANG"	Sunday, 29th Mar.	10 a.m.
SEANGHAI	"BARBYMORE"	Monday, 30th Mar.	8 a.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"CHIPSING"	Wednesday, 1st Apr.	Noon
TIENSTEIN	"MAUSANG"	Saturday, 4th Apr.	Noon
SANDAKAN			

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"GLENHANE"	13th Apr.	"GLENHANE"	18th Apr.	London, Rotterdam & Hamburg
"GLENHAPP"	16th Apr.	"GLENHAPP"	21st Apr.	London, Rotterdam & Hamburg
"GLENHARD"	5th May	"GLENHARD"	9th May	London, Rotterdam & Hamburg
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"COBLENZ"	19th July	10th August
"ANHALT"	16th August	22nd August
"FULDA"	13th September	19th September
"TRIEN"	10th October	17th October
"SAARBRUECKEN"	7th November	12th November
"DESSAU"		
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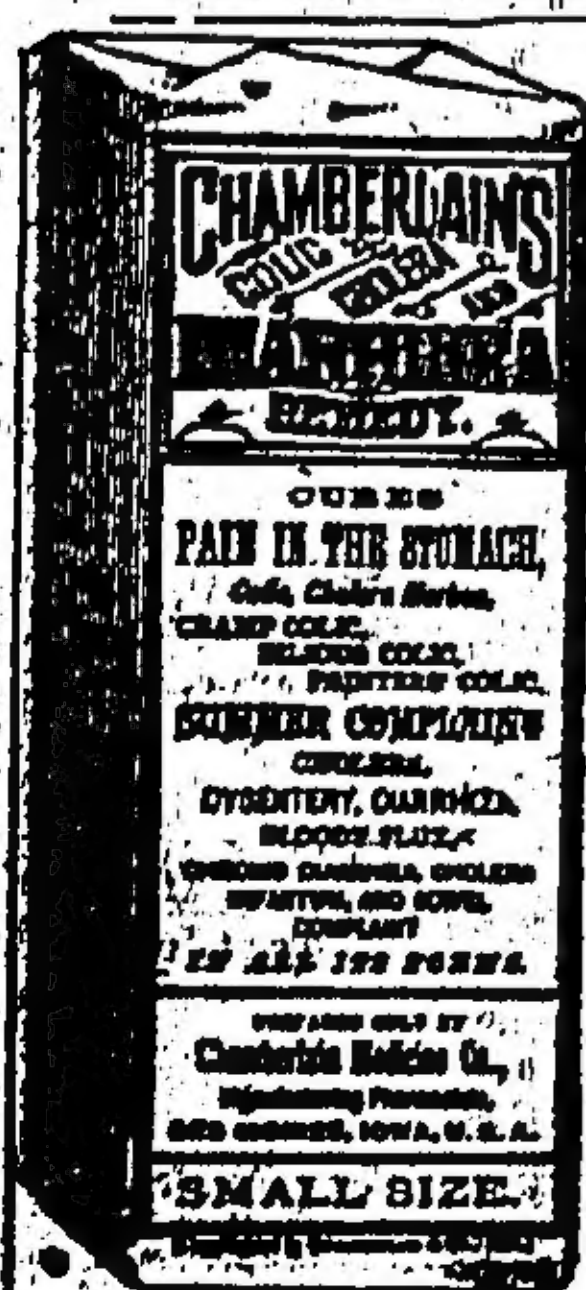
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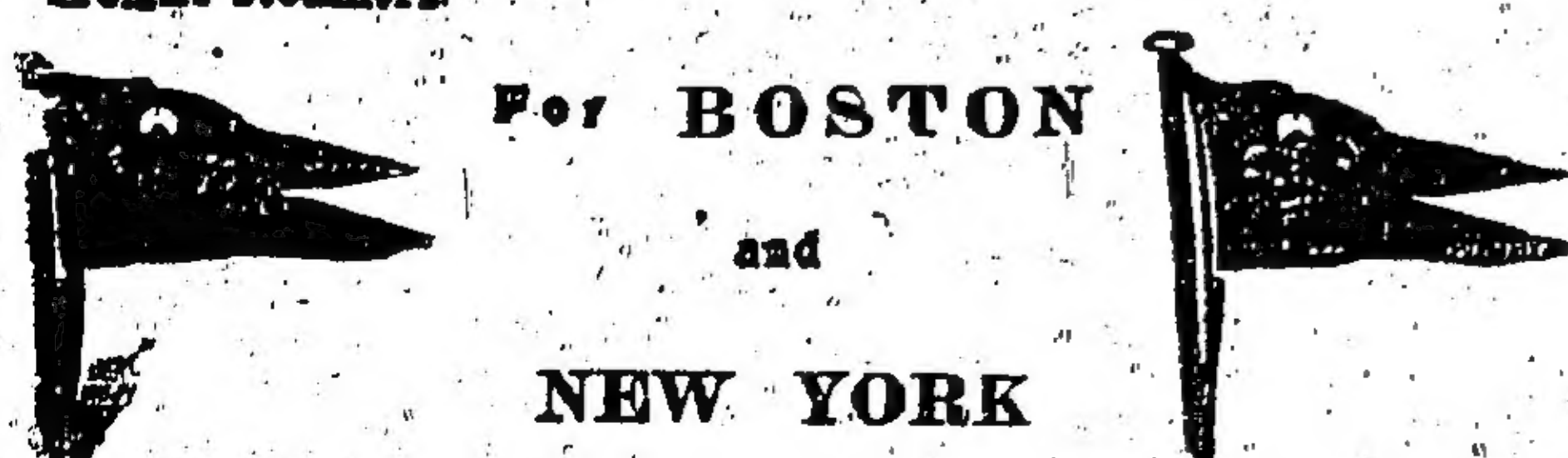
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"KASHGAR"	5,006	21st Mar. Noon	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"SICILIA"	5,812	2nd Apr.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bay.
"KARMA"	10,905	4th Apr.	Marseilles & London
"NAGPORE"	5,123	15th Apr.	Mars., India & A.werp.
"MAURITIA"	5,283	22nd Apr.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bay.
"MAURITIA"	11,089	2nd May	Marseilles & London
"SARDINIA"	5,684	16th May	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bay.
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"SICILIA"	5,812	8th June	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bay.
"KALYAN"	5,144	15th June	Mars., London & Antwerp.
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"TAIREA"	7,322	20th Mar. 1 p.m.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"TAKADA"	4,946	3rd Apr.	do
"TALMA"	10,000	20th Apr.	do
"TILAWA"	10,006	25th Apr.	do
"TALAMBA"	8,018	8th May	do
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"MAURITIA"	11,089	3rd Apr.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
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Ports	Steamers	Date of Departure
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SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"SUICHOW"	On 19th Mar., 11 a.m.
HAIPHONG	"TAMING"	On 19th Mar., 11 a.m.
AMOY, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"KIANGSU"	On 21st Mar., D.L.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"LIANGCHOW"	On 21st Mar., Noon
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"SOOCHOW"	On 22nd Mar., 11 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KWANGCHOW"	On 22nd Mar., 11 a.m.
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WHAIRAIWEL, CHEFOO & TIENSIN	"HUNAN"	On 23rd Mar., 4 p.m.
AMOY & SHANGHAI	"SZECHUEN"	On 23rd Mar., 4 p.m.
HAIPHONG, HOIHOW & SINGAPORE	"TEAN"	On 25th Mar., 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"LUCHOW"	On 25th Mar., Noon
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